

EPA hearing, PENNECO Injection well #3A permit, Plum Borough

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Dear Ryan Hancharick;

As a concerned resident of Oakmont, which gets its drinking water from the Allegheny River not far from PENNECO'S injection well #3A in Plum Borough and the proposed well #4A, I attended the public hearing on August 30th at the Plum Borough Community Center. Excellent testimony was presented regarding the safety violations and negative environmental impacts of PENNECO'S existing injection well #3A, in addition to expert testimony and complaints from residents affected by this well as to why the EPA should **deny** the permit for a second injection well, Sedat #4A, at the same site; no testimony in support of permitting the well was given at that time.

For five years I worked at the Oakmont Hulton Water Treatment Plant as water quality chemist in charge of the water treatment process, so I am well aware of the harm toxic chemicals like the ones found in fracking waste can have on the drinking water supply. There are no treatment processes available to remove these hazardous chemicals, enough to meet EPA drinking water standards, from the raw water source, in this case the Allegheny River from which thousands of people get their drinking water every day. If PENNECO'S injection wells holding millions of gallons of fracking waste ever fail (testimony revealed #3A already has leakage issues after only one year in operation) all these hazardous chemicals including radioactivity will contaminate surface water and ground water aquifers and could ruin our drinking water supply.

We must stop companies like PENNECO that are continuously generating huge quantities of hazardous waste from disposing of this waste unsafely and polluting our precious natural resources; the air we breathe, water we drink, and the land that grows our crops. If not, then we ourselves will be consuming toxic chemicals which will destroy our priceless health and well-being, thereby ruining our lives for years to come. It is the EPAs job as our representative to protect human health and our environment and as such will be held accountable.

Therefore, I am asking you to deny PENNECO'S permit for a second injection well, Sedat #4A.

Thank you for your attention in this important matter,

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